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1. AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR THE INEVITABLE
PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ECONOMIC COSTS TO SPAIN OF
NATO MEMBERSHIP, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH SOME ASSISTANCE FROM US,
IS ATTEMPTING AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT LEVEL
OF SPANISH DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GNP
THAT WOULD BE COMPARABLE WITH STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY
THE ALLIANCE.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE ALSO NOW BEEN ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PERCENTAGE OF THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES WHICH NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES CONSIDER IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE. ESTIMATES BOTH AS TO THE ACTUAL SITUATION AND WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED THE OPTIMUM LEVEL FOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS ALSO DESIRED. WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. STABLER

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